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SHORTAGE OF FODDER
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is shortage of fodder in various parts of the country;

(b) if so, the shortfall between demand and supply of fodder recorded in the country as on date, State-wise;

(c) whether the gap between the demand and supply of fodder has been increasing during the last two years;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(e) the steps taken by the Government to meet the gap especially in drought afffected States and strengthen Fodder Bank and Fodder Seed Production in the country; and

(f) the amount released out of the total allocations made to those States during the last three years and the current year, State-wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI TASLIMUDDIN)

(a)to(d): The report of the Working Group on Animal Husbandry & Dairying set up by the Planning Commission for the 10th Five Year Plan noted the following shortage of fodder for the country as a whole:-

in million tonne

Year	Supply		Demand		Deficit as % of demand	
	Green	Dry	Green	Dry	Green	Dry
1995	379.3	421	947	526	59.95	19.95
2000	384.5	428	988	549	61.10	21.93
2005	389.9	443	1025	569	61.96	22.08

The State-wise break-up is not available.

(e): In order to improve the availability of fodder in the country, the following steps have been implemented: